

B2 3. (Amended) The toothbrush of claim 2, wherein the second neck extends from the handle in a direction substantially parallel to the first neck.

8. (Amended) The toothbrush of claim 10, wherein the first bristle support and the second bristle support are twin articulating heads.

B3 9. (Amended) The toothbrush of claim 10, wherein (i) the plurality of first and second bristles have the stiffness, and (ii) the first and second necks and the first and second bristle supports have the resiliency, the flexibility and the bending resistance, and wherein the resiliency, flexibility and bending resistance of the necks and the bristle supports are set depending upon both (i) the brushing force and (ii) the stiffness of the bristles, such that the toothbrush, through the bristles coupled to the bristle supports and the necks, adapts to the dento-gingival junction and all other changing surfaces encountered during brushing to disrupt plaque.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claim.

Kindly add the following new claims:

Rule 126 10. (Amended) A toothbrush comprising:

a handle shaped and dimensioned to be grasped by a human hand;

a first neck coupled to the handle;

a second neck coupled to the handle;

a first bristle support coupled to the first neck;  
a second bristle support coupled to the second neck;  
a plurality of first bristles coupled to the first bristle support; and  
a plurality of second bristles coupled to the second bristle support,  
wherein the plurality of first and second bristles have a stiffness, and the first and  
second necks have a resiliency, a flexibility and a bending resistance, and  
wherein the resiliency, flexibility and bending resistance of the necks are set  
depending upon both (i) a brushing force and (ii) the stiffness of the bristles, such that the  
toothbrush, through the bristles coupled to the necks, adapts to a dento-gingival junction  
and all other changing surfaces encountered during brushing to disrupt plaque.

11. 10. (New) A toothbrush comprising:  
a handle shaped and dimensioned to be grasped by a human hand;  
a first neck coupled to the handle;  
a second neck coupled to the handle;  
a first bristle support coupled to the first neck;  
a second bristle support coupled to the second neck;  
a plurality of first bristles coupled to the first bristle support; and  
a plurality of second bristles coupled to the second bristle support,  
wherein the plurality of first and second bristles have a stiffness, and the first and  
second necks have a resiliency, a flexibility and a bending resistance, and  
wherein the stiffness of the bristles is set depending upon both (i) a brushing force  
and (ii) the resiliency, flexibility and bending resistance of the necks, such that the

toothbrush, through the bristles coupled to the necks, adapts to a dento-gingival junction  
and all other changing surfaces encountered during brushing to disrupt plaque.

12. ~~11.~~ (New) The toothbrush of claim ~~10~~,<sup>11</sup>

wherein (i) the plurality of first and second bristles have the stiffness, and (ii) the first and second necks and the first and second bristle supports have the resiliency, the flexibility and the bending resistance, and

B4 wherein the stiffness of the bristles is set depending upon both (i) the brushing force and (ii) the resiliency, flexibility and bending resistance of the necks and the bristle supports, such that the toothbrush, through the bristles coupled to the bristle supports and the necks, adapts to the dento-gingival junction and all other changing surfaces encountered during brushing to disrupt plaque.--